(c) and (d) The position is reviewed constantly by the heads of Central Government hospitals for maintaining public hygiene and senitation in the hospitals. The Officers of Directorate General of Health Services pay surprise visits to the Central Government hospitals to to see their functioning including senitation arrangement.

Compassionate Appointments

2386. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government does not appoint immediately the dependants of the Government servant who die in harness;

b) if so, the reasons therefor;

c) whether the Government propose to relax the rules so that the family is not put to hardship; and

d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (d) In order to make compassionate appointments of the dependants of Government servant, who died in harness, the appointing authority has to examine the financial condition of the family of the deceased. If it is established that but for the provision of employment, the family will not be able to meet the crises, a job is to be offered to the eligible member of the family No time-limit has been prescribed for making such appointments. The applicant for compassionate appointment should not only be eligible as per the recruitment rules but should also be found to be suitable for the post in all respects. However, educational qualifications can be relaxed temporarily for two years in exceptional circumstances for appointment at the lowest level. In case of widow appointed on compassionate ground to Group D posts, she may be exempted from the requirement of educational qualifications provided duties of the post can be satisfactorily performed. The widow appointed on compassionate ground is allowed to continue in service even after re-marriage. In terms of the scheme, the compassionate appointment can also be made in organisations other than one where the deceased was serving. As such, the scheme is flexible and responsive enough to obviate further relaxation.

Loss Incurred by Atomic Energy

2387. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Atomic Energy has incurred a heavy loss of Rs. 2300 crore;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to conduct an enquiry to fix the responsibility for the advance procurement of critical and long delivery items for the Nuclear Power Programme; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d): Advance procurement of critical and long delivery items of equipment and components for six 500 MWe Units and four 220 MWe Units was undertaken as part of the proposal to instal 10,000 MWe of nuclear power generating capacity by 2000 A.D. with due approvals. This was done to enable completion of the projects expeditiously by reducing the gestation period. Advance procurement of materials/equipments resorted to in this regard would not result in financial loss since these equipments and material would cost more now considering escalation, foreign exchange variation, rupee devaluation etc. even after taking into account interest and preservation charges. Financial constraints have prevented the timely utilisation of these. Hence the question of any enquiry into this does not arise.

[Translation]

Vacant Post of Scheduled Tribe

2388. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Scheduled Tribes Category wise lying vacant in the Department/Ministry of Electronics;

(b) whether persons from other categories are working on these posts;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to clear the entire backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY